

TRIBUTE TO MR. HANS HAGEMAN

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2005*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, during this month dedicated to the celebration of Black History, I rise to pay tribute to Mr. Hans Hageman, an outstanding individual who has dedicated most of his life to helping children in East Harlem, NY.

Hans is the Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Harbor, Inc., a 67 year old multi-service youth organization located in East Harlem. The Harbor's mission is to empower children and their families to become full, productive participants in society through education, cultural awareness and social services.

A lifelong East Harlem resident, Hans is a graduate of the Collegiate School for Boys, Princeton University, Columbia University Law School, and the U.S. Army 101st Airmobile Air Assault School. As former Chief Counsel for the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, he worked on solutions addressing long term and entrenched problems facing the East Harlem Community. Frustrated by the familiar faces he saw coming through the system, he realized that to truly impact the social pathology in East Harlem, he must reach out to the children of the community and help guide them before they fell victim to the cycles of poverty, violence and crime.

This strong belief motivated him to return to Exodus House, one of the nation's first residential drug rehabilitation centers, with a 30 year history of serving the East Harlem Community which was founded by his parents Reverend Dr. Lynn and Mrs. Leola Hageman. In September of 1993 Hans and his brother Ivan opened the East Harlem School at Exodus House, an independent intermediate school on the Exodus House site designed to more fully address the needs of at risk children and their families.

Hans has also served as Minority Chief Counsel and Staff Director to the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution and as an Assistant District Attorney in the Office of Special Narcotics Prosecution of New York's County District Attorneys Office.

Hans is the recipient of the 2001 Essence Award; the Robin Hood Foundation's Hero Award; the East-Harlem Urban Center's Community Service Award; the Black Princeton Alumni Community Service Award and numerous others.

Mr. Speaker, this past week we bid farewell to Ossie Davis, a great American who was a strong voice for social justice and human dignity. Ossie, who got his start in Harlem, may be best remembered for the moving Eulogy he delivered at the funeral of Malcolm X. In speaking of Malcolm's relationship to Harlem he said: "For Harlem has ever been gracious to those who have loved her, have fought her and have defended her honor . . ."

During this month devoted to the celebration of Black history I want to pay tribute not only to these two great sons of Harlem but also to those who continue to work on behalf of those who are voiceless. In that spirit I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring another son of Harlem who continues to love her, fight her and defend her honor, Mr. Hans Hageman.

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA ANN JONES-WYNN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Patricia Ann Jones-Wynn in recognition of her strong commitment to her family, church and community.

Patricia, the oldest of eight children born to the late Willoughby and Maranda R. Jones, hails from Hamilton, North Carolina. She graduated with honors from West Martin High School in Oak City, North Carolina. Pat holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secretarial Science, with a minor in Library Science from North Carolina Central University in Durham, North Carolina.

Upon graduation from college in 1962, Patricia relocated to Brooklyn, New York where she married Ernest W. Wynn, her childhood sweetheart. In Brooklyn, she commenced her professional career as a secretary for the Brooklyn Tuberculosis Association. Following the birth of her first child, Patricia embarked on the more challenging and rewarding career of a full time homemaker. In 1965 she gave birth to her second child.

In 1973, with her children older and less dependent on her, Pat resumed her professional career by taking a position as the Administrative Assistant to Dr. William A. Jones, Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. In this capacity, she not only performed secretarial and administrative duties, but she was also the coordinator of the church newsletter. Her duties also required extensive national and international travel. Pat continues to be an active, contributing member of the Bethany Baptist Church congregation. She is a member of the Bethany Choir, the North Carolina Club and the Scholarship Council where she is an aggressive fund-raiser for the graduating high school students.

Upon leaving Bethany as an employee, she began work as a Principal Administrative Assistant for the Health and Hospital Corporation at Woodhull Hospital. Later, she secured employment with Paul J. Cooper Center for Human Services, (a human resource organization that works with the mentally challenged) where she worked until her retirement as Secretary to the CEO. Pat is a member of the Vanguard Independent Democratic Association and works each year with the Board of Elections.

For Patricia's family and friend, she is a mentor, a confidant and one who is always there in a time of need. On her daily walks, she visits the sick and shut-in members of her congregation and community. She has cared for sick and terminally ill relatives and friends in her home and is committed to her mission to follow God's call to "serve."

Patricia has been married to Deacon Ernest Wynn for 42 years and is the mother of two children, Kalin Lamont and Kecia Nadine, mother-in-law to Stacey Patrice and grandmother to Anastasia and Maya.

Mr. Speaker, Patricia Ann Jones-Wynn has chosen to dedicate herself to her family, church and community in all the choices she has made throughout her life. As such, she is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable person.

THE RONALD REAGAN ALZHEIMER'S BREAKTHROUGH ACT OF 2005

**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 10, 2005*

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, as Co-Chairman of the Bipartisan Alzheimer's Disease Congressional Task Force, I rise today to introduce multi-faceted legislation to boost the federal commitment to Alzheimer's research and help patients and family members currently struggling with the disease.

This wide-ranging legislation attacks the problem of Alzheimer's disease on every front, and includes proposals to double our nation's biomedical research on Alzheimer's, improve clinical practice and training for promising gerontologists, enhance patient education, expand innovative state Alzheimer's caregiver support programs, and increase training for law enforcement officials who interact with dementia-afflicted patients.

As some of my colleagues know, I was first elected to Congress in 1980, when President Ronald Reagan was elected to his first term as President. The legislation is named for our former President who died last year after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

I believe that it is fitting and appropriate that this important legislation be dedicated to the most famous Alzheimer's patient and one of our greatest Presidents. Throughout his remarkable life, President Reagan endured many hardships including an assassination attempt and a bout with cancer. His terminal struggle with Alzheimer's disease has greatly increased awareness of the disease, and the importance of developing breakthrough therapies to help patients and families affected by it.

I am joined in introducing the legislation today by Rep. ED MARKEY (D-MA), who serves as my Co-Chairman of the Alzheimer's Disease Congressional Task Force that the two of us founded in June 1999. The Task Force includes approximately 190 members. Also joining the effort is physician and Congressman MIKE BURGESS (R-TX), Chairman of the Republican House Policy Committee's Subcommittee on Health, and who serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, where the legislation will be referred. In the Senate, a companion measure was introduced today by Senator BOND (R-MO) and BARBARA MIKULSKI (D-MD).

The Alzheimer's Association, which is the largest worldwide research, advocacy, and research support organization devoted to helping Alzheimer's patients, has strongly endorsed the "Ronald Reagan Alzheimer's Breakthrough Act" and worked closely with both House and Senate sponsors when drafting it.

The centerpiece of the bill seeks to double funding for ethical biomedical research on Alzheimer's disease at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from \$700 million to \$1.4 billion. We believe that funding is needed to meet the demand of numerous unfunded studies that could lead to a breakthrough.

Recent increases in Congressional funding for Alzheimer's research has put us at the cusp of some amazing breakthroughs. The level of scientific interest in dementia research